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1. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS PER PARA
3 REFTEL. YOU SHOULD BASE YOUR ARGUMENTS ON GENERAL PRIN-
CIPLES OF RECIPROCITY AND AVOID INVOKING TREATY OF FRIEND-
SHIP, COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION.

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2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN NOTE WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: LINE 10 OF NOTE WHICH READS: "IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF THE TREATY...", SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED WITH: "IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TRADITION OF FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACCORDED BY THE AUTHORITIES OF LIBERIA TO THE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN LIBERIA. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT CITIZENS OF LIBERIA RECEIVE RECIPROCAL FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES. CITIZENS OF LIBERIA IN THE UNITED STATES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS." (CONTINUE WITH LINE 19 BEGINNING WITH "IN ADDITION..."). DELETE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF LINES 10-19 IN TEXT CONTAINED REFTEL.

3. WE REGRET THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO IMPLY THAT LIBERIAN ACTION IS CONTRARY TO TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP SINCE THAT AGREEMENT IS LIMITED TO GRANTING OF MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT. AS LONG AS LIBERIAN DIRECTIVE APPLIES TO ALL FOREIGN CONCESSIONS NO BREACH OF AGREEMENT CAN BE IMPLIED. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONCERNED AT GOL RESTRICTIONS AND ENCOURAGE THE EMBASSY TO TAKE SUCH MEASURES AS ARE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST US CITIZENS AND BUSINESS INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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